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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

In the Specification

Please amend page 1, lines 3-4 of the specification as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/193,612, filed on November 17, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/098,235 filed August 28, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/065,628 filed November 18, 1997, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend page 4, lines 13-17 of the specification as follows:

Figure 1 provides a chimeric oligonucleotide comprising three intervening blocks of RNA residues for modification of the maize EPSPS gene to a herbicide resistant form of the gene by converting two nucleotides at each of two amino acid residues of the target sequence. The linear (SED ID NO: 1) and active forms of the oligonucleotide are provided. A fragment of the

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